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MEMORANDUM FOR CHAIRMAN, COMIREX

SUBJECT: Policy Regarding Use [redacted] over Denied Territory

REFERENCES: a. Agenda for COMIREX Meeting, 3 December 1970

b. USIB-D-46.4/36, 5 May 70 [redacted] 73-70)

A recent decision of the 40 Committee has permitted the continued development of the concept of [redacted] ro-grams for potential use over denied territory. As a conse-quence, it will not be necessary for USIB/COMIREX to identify the policy on using [redacted] er denied territory while establishing the imagery requirements for [redacted] verhead reconnaissance.

It is therefore requested that Item 7, Ref a, be dropped from further review but tha[redacted] requirements remain as an it[redacted] desired.

It should be anticipated that the 40 Committee will [redacted] the political implications of operating any [redacted] 1012 [redacted] at may be developed before authorizing its use over [redacted] territory.

EDWIN F. SWEENEY
Colonel, USAF
Director

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10 December 1970

MEMORANDUM FOR COLONEL SWEENEY

SUBJECT: Policy Regarding Use [redacted] over Denied Territory

Recommend transmission to the Chairman, COMIREX of the memorandum on the right.

This will remove the request made at Tab B for USIB identification of the policy on the use of [redacted] and will permit the NRO to proceed with guidance from the 40 Committee, at Tab C.

As a supplementary action I would recommend that [redacted] identify in more detail for 40 Committee approval their proposed R&D testing in March over or near Cuba.

[redacted]

Attachments
Tab A: Agenda for COMIREX Mtg 3 Dec
Tab B: Encl to USIB-D-46.4/36
Tab C: 40 Committee Minutes, 18 Aug 70

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COORDINATION: [redacted]

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30 November 1970

COMMITTEE ON IMAGERY REQUIREMENTS AND EXPLOITATION

AGENDA
for
Regular COMIREX Meeting
Office of the Chairman
Room 4E50, CIA Headquarters
1000 Thursday, 3 December 1970

[redacted]

Section I (Briefings) (T-KH)

1. Second Annual Report from EXRAND Procurement Coordinating Team (10 minutes) [redacted]

Section II (Minutes) [redacted]-KH)

2. Approval of Minutes (COMIREX-M-112 and M-113)

Section III (Operations)

3. Satellite Schedule — NRO Consultant

4. Aircraft and Drone Activities -- Middle East Cease-fire Zone, Far East, and Cuba — DIA Member, CIA Member, Chairman, ICRS

Section IV (Action Items) [redacted]-KH)

5. Revised Indochina Requirements (COMIREX-D-26.11/1A, 25 November 1970) — Chairman, ICRS

6. Draft Guidelines for Satellite Mission Exploitation (COMIREX-D-31.1/3A, 27 November 1970) — Chairman, EXSUBCOM, Chairman, ICRS

7. Policy Regarding Use [redacted] Over Denied Territory [redacted], 22 October 1970 and Memorandum for Holders, 20 November 1970) — Chairman

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Enclosure
USIB-D-46.4/36

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

April 27, 1970.

Dear Dick:

Two years ago Dr. Flax provided a statement of the major issues which he had foreseen for the NRP budget for Fiscal Year 1970. This year I am returning to that procedure since you may wish to give special attention to the requirements aspect of these issues or provide other guidance as you deem appropriate.

It is not possible to identify the issues with precision or anticipate just what will occur, but the attachment includes my assessment of the areas of primary interest at this time. It is hoped that a reassessment of requirements in light of changing intelligence needs and priorities as they relate to the NRP issues noted will contribute to their ultimate resolution by the Executive Committee.

The NRO Staff is available to work with the USIB Subcommittees to sharpen any issues as required.

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Preliminary Identification FY 72
NRP Program Issues and Questions
on Which USIB Guidance is Desired

The Honorable Richard Helms, Chairman
United States Intelligence Board
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D.C.

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Preliminary Identification of FY 1972 NRP Program Issues and Questions on Which USIB Guidance is Desired

A. STRATEGIC ARMS LIMITATION TREATY

1. Current NRO Plans. Current planning does not consider potential collection requirements associated with monitoring a Strategic Arms Limitation Treaty.

2. Probable Budget Issue. Unknown at this time.

3. USIB Guidance Desired. What requirements will be created by a treaty? This question is also raised below, specifically related to certain systems.

B. VHR AND IMMEDIATE RECOVERY SYSTEMS

1. Current NRO Plans. No system go-ahead has been given to either system. The NRO budget includes funds for an immediate recovery system start in FY 72 and no funds for VHR system start until at least FY 76.

2. Probable Budget Issue. When should the systems be built?

3. USIB Guidance Desired. What is the requirement for VHR, including consideration of the potential SALT environment?

C. VULNERABILITY

1. Current NRO Plans. By NRP ExCom direction a very limited survivability effort is being carried on by the NRO, based on the present National estimate of the Soviets not using their capability.

2. Probable Budget Issue. Should more dollars be spent in this area?

3. USIB Guidance Desired. Is there a requirement for the NRO to expend more effort to protect our satellites or to provide alternate solutions for overhead reconnaissance in a hostile environment?

Attachment
Enclosure
USIB-D-46.4/36

D. [redacted]

1. Current NRO Plans. The NRO has no current plans for [redacted]

2. Probable Budget Issue. Why isn't the NRO doing more in this area?

3. USIB Guidance Desired. What is the imagery requiro- [redacted]

19 August 1970

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Minutes of the Meeting of the 40 Committee, 18 August 1970

PRESENT: Mr. Kissinger, Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Packard, Mr. Johnson, Admiral Moorer, and Mr. Helms

[redacted]

Rear Admiral James C. Donaldson, Jr., Mr. Carl Duckett, and Mr. Robert Slagel were present for Item 2.

1. [redacted]

[redacted] and for less sophisticated countries.

c. The Committee did not rule out continued development of the concept pending detailed review at a later pre-operational date.

2. IDEALIST Program [redacted]-70)

a. There was a lively discussion of the budgetary merits of the various IDEALIST solutions outlined in the paper, i.e., who should run what and why and how could monies be saved.

b. The Committee agreed to continue on the present basis for one year adopting variation b. under Mode of Operation, i.e., continuing the split fleet and the Taiwan base (flying 5 in CIA and 5 in SAC at a cost [redacted]

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